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SUBJECT: LOS: MOROCCO EXTENDS TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

1. GOM PUBLISHED DAHIR (ROYAL DECREE) FIXING LIMIT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS AND EXCLUSIVE MOROCCAN FISHING ZONE MARCH 9. DECREE FIXES TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AT 12 NAUTICAL MILES AND CLAIMS SOVEREIGNTY OVER AIRSPACE, SEABED AND SUBSOIL WITHIN 12 MILE LIMIT.
2. DECREE ESTABLISHES EXCLUSIVE MOROCCAN FISHING ZONE WITHIN 70 NAUTICAL MILE LIMIT AND CLAIMS SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL " BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES" IN WATERS WITHIN THIS LIMIT. DECREE RESERVES FISHING RIGHTS TO SHIPS FLYING MOROCCAN FLAG OR BEING USED BY MOROCCAN CITIZENS BUT MAKES PROVISIONS FOR " INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION". DECREE ALSO REQUIRES GOM APPROVAL FOR ALL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OR EXPLORATION, AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY BY FOREIGN STATE OR CITIZENS WITHIN FISHING ZONE.

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3. THE DECREE ALSO STATES THAT WHEN DISTANCE
BETWEEN MOROCCAN COAST AND FOREIGN STATES EQUALS
OR IS LESS THAN 24 NAUTICAL MILES OR DOES NOT
PERMIT EXISTENCE OF HIGH SEAS CORRIDOR SUFFICIENT FOR
FREE MARITIME OR AIR NAVIGATION, RIGHT TO TRANSIT AND
OVERFLIGHT OF MOROCCAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IS ACCORDED
UNDER CONDITIONS STIPULATED IN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS
TO WHICH MOROCCO IS SIGNATORY AND QUOTE CONFORMING TO
PRINCIPLE OF INNER QUOTE INNOCENT PASSAGE INNER QUOTE
ENDED AS RECOGNIZED AND DEFINED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW
END QUOTE.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT OF DECREE TO
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